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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Magic Of Xmas

CHRISTMAS still comes, whatever condition the world might be in, and as Dickens reminds us, there is magic in Christmas Day! No human disillusionment can quench its significance. It may have a facade of frivolity, sometimes hard, unearring frivolity, marked by the "feasting and the frolic and the fun" of pagan ideals that long preceded the festival of the Nativity. But it has much more than this. It is at once a commemoration and a symbol. Christmas day lifts the veil for a brief interval on the common humanity of men, women and children. It challenges the introspective to live objectively for a day. It coaxes the curmudgeon to think of others beside himself. It provokes the thrifty to relax their thrift for a while and to release their more generous impulses. Christmas tempts us to widen the bounds of goodwill and neighbourliness to those about us. The world may seem farther than ever. It was in history from the state enjoinment in the Christmas message of peace and harmony. Yet which of the sternest realists among us would ask that because our highest ideals are not yet realised, Christmas should be forgotten or laid aside until a more convenient season?

It can still be claimed that most people prefer to do good rather than ill to their fellows. We find that we even like giving as much as getting; certainly we prefer to being good neighbours to bad ones. Christmas offers the great chance to come out in our true colours! Nevertheless, few are able to rejoice unreservedly in the season's good cheer. There are shadows which it were blind folly to ignore—a certain dread foreboding of the future, the vast amount of hunger and malnutrition, poverty and ill-health bringing their attendant evils to so many people round about us. And our misgivings are not only because of these shadows, but because all that is being done in this economic world of ours, is but a palliative; all our Christmas wishes and gifts have left things much as before. The sorrowful fact remains that by and large, our world is not yet organised for the enterprise of peace and goodwill.

Drama And Heroism Marks Rescue

Of Shipwrecked Passengers

Beirut, Dec. 23. Thirty-two-year-old American artist Langdon Harriss saved the life of the 10-year-old son of a French Embassy Counsellor in one of the heroic acts enacted aboard the hulk of the liner Champollion.

Langdon Harriss of New York, who now lives in Paris, jumped overboard with the young son of Francoise Puauz today and made their way to safety.

The Princeton graduate was given treatment but was not suffering from any injuries.

One of the first persons to see Harriss, was the New York Times correspondent Michael Clark, who went down with Harriss on the Egyptian boat Zam Zam in 1941 when both were serving with the British Ambulance Corps.

Harriss was one of 72 pilgrims to the Holy Land in a group headed by Father Lechat. The group has been making a Holy Land Christmas pilgrimage for more than 50 years.

"I jumped overboard with Puauz in my arms and we swam and drifted close to the shore," he said.

As he neared the beach, Harriss saw in front of him the shoal upon which several luckless swimmers were battered to death.

"We were lifted by a mighty wave and dashed toward the shore," Harriss said. The force of the wave knocked the Puauz boy out of Harriss' arms and "I heard him screaming. I thought we were both dead."

But the giant wave carried them both over the shoal and several bodies that were washed on the beach. A moment later I was snatched up by two rescuers and whisked off to hospital after learning the boy was safe."

FIGHT UNDERTOW
Tom Ball, student at the American university here, was one of many bystanders who jumped into the water and fought strong undertow to rescue passengers from the Champollion who were drifting ashore.

Twenty-year-old Ball, of California, edged out on the shoal to catch passengers before they were battered against the rocks and succeeded in hauling three ashore. All were crew members.

"It is a wonderful feeling to reach down and feel a hand grasp yours and know you have saved a life," said Ball. After spending a half hour in a hospital tent set up on the beach, Ball was up and around as good as new.

A daring Beirut Port pilot Redwan Baltaji, braving the treacherous seas and currents in his motorboat, led the way today to the rescue of the panic-stricken passengers from the broken and battered French liner Champollion.

All but 26 of the 328 passengers and crew were saved after 36 hours as prisoners in the liner, stranded 200 yards off the shore near here and broken in two.

Many of the 26 who lost their lives were drowned while trying to swim the 125 yards between the sandbank, on which the 12,540-ton ship was broken in two, and the shore.

On the shore thousands of people watched Redwan Baltaji make his daring effort to rescue the people on board the ill-fated ship.

By a similar daring action Baltaji swept back through the choppy seas at full speed, making for port instead of to the shore. Reaching port Baltaji disembarked his passengers.

"On his second trip, Baltaji took off 50 more people. Encouraged by his success, swimmers on the shore opposite the Champollion, brought a motorboat and crossed the swiftly running current. It picked up two loads of 13 people from the liner. But on the third trip, with 13 more people aboard, it broke down 25 yards from the Champollion.

George Cross For 15-Year-Old Boy



John Bamford, aged 15, has been awarded the supreme badge of civilian courage, the George Cross. He is the youngest person to be awarded this honour. When a fire broke out in his home one night, he crawled through the flames to rescue his two trapped brothers. He was severely burned, and, as pictured above, is now in hospital.—London Express photo.

Private Who Dined With Eisenhower Killed In Action

Korea, Dec. 23. One of the proudest moments in the 20-year-old life of Corporal James E. Murray was when he had lunch with the President-elect of the United States, Mr Dwight D. Eisenhower, at the Korean front on December 4.

Five nights later he died a hero's death in the no-man's-land between Allied and Communist frontlines.

Murray, already a Bronze Star winner who had served more than his allotted time in Korea, was the volunteer leader of a combat patrol which ran into a Communist ambush one and a half miles in front of United Nations lines on December 9.

After being hit once Murray kept trying to extricate his man from the trap. Finally he went down in a burst of burp gunfire.

Murray would have gone home at the end of this month with points that were more than needed for rotation.

Murray was one of the men who ate pork chops and sauerkraut with Mr Eisenhower on a bleak Korean hillside during the President-elect's recent visit to Korea. He and his two companions were embarrassed at all the attention they got from reporters covering the visit. They could only mumble when questioned.

After lunch Mr. Eisenhower took the three soldiers into a tent to meet Generals Omar Bradley, Mark Clark, James Van Fleet and other officers.

BRITAIN'S ROBOT WEAPONS

Production To Be Speeded Up

London, Dec. 23. Britain's production of robot weapons—atomic, electronic and guided missiles—is to be speeded up in the New Year.

A British Ministry of Supply official said today "there may be some surprises in the New Year."

Experts point out that the cost of guided weapons is small compared with that of a modern battle fighter, bomber, airfield and ground crews.

Therefore, the recent will be on robot weapons in Britain's 1953 defence programme.

The chief centre for experiments with robot weapons is Woomera, Australia, but experiments are also being conducted by the Ministry of Supply in North Wales.

SOME SURPRISES
A Ministry of Supply official said: "For security reasons, we cannot discuss the nature of the weapons now being tested. But there are some surprises in the New Year."

A modern jet-propelled day fighter costs up to £200,000, while a larger bomber may cost anything between £200,000 and £1,000,000.

These production costs make it difficult for Britain to embark on a production programme involving more than a few hundred aircraft a month.

For that reason, British Defence Chiefs are convinced the development of robot weapons should be intensified in the New Year. They believe robot weapons offer the solution to Britain's defence problem now that her rearmament estimates have been cut.—Reuter.

Crosses Ocean On A Raft

Barbados, Dec. 23. The French scientist, Dr. Allan-Louis Bombard arrived here today after crossing the Atlantic in 62 days in a tiny rubber raft.

Throughout the crossing, he had lived on rain-water, raw fish and other seafood.—Reuter.

No China Mail For 2 Days

Owing to the Christmas holidays, there will be no publication of the China Mail tomorrow (Thursday) or Friday. Publication of the China Mail will resume on Saturday with the customary 16-page paper.

One of the men who went out on the December 9 patrol with Murray said, "I lost my rifle shouting 'where's my rifle'."

An officer said, "Murray volunteered for that patrol assignment. He was what we call a soldier—experienced in combat. He was a definite credit to the service and was being recommended for a decoration."

The patrol lost six men killed, including an officer. Eleven were wounded and eight are missing.

Master Sergeant Napoleon Green, Jr., said that Murray "was as fine a fellow as anyone could know."

Green said he and Murray often talked through the cold winter evenings before the fatal night.

The Season's Greetings

The Editor and staff of the China Mail take this opportunity of wishing readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Police Clash With Terrorists

Tunis, Dec. 23. Police, taking part in a large scale sweep in areas south of Bizerta, clashed with armed terrorists today. They surprised a gang of terrorists who opened fire wounding several policemen. Police returned the fire, killing two terrorists. The rest fled. At Raseldjebel, an armed Tunisian resisted arrest and was wounded in the ensuing scuffle.

A total of 40 Tunisians were detained for an identity check during the operation. All but three were later released. The police had information that armed terrorists who last October attacked a French police post, killing two Frenchmen, were hiding in the area searched today.—Reuter.

A Christmas Gesture

London, Dec. 23. An auctioneer was about to withdraw from sale some poultry at Smithfield market today when a voice in the crowd said "There is an old-age pensioner here."

"Show me your card then, mother," shouted the dealer, "and it is yours for 15 bob."

With a smile, of thanks the old lady took home a Christmas dinner that she would not otherwise have been able to afford.

Crowds flocked to poultry auctions today, but there were few birds to be had at "give-away" prices. The average was about four shillings per pound. Turkeys weighing nine, ten and eleven pounds went for about 37 shillings.—Reuter.

NOTHING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT

Berlin, Dec. 23. West Berlin's fire brigade stood idle today on the border of the Soviet zone and watched a factory burn down to the walls.

"We are not allowed to cross the border unless the East German authorities call us for help," firemen said.—Reuter.

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Work-Shy Walter

HE tottered into the dock at Great Marlborough Street as if he were borne up the two steps upon the tidal wave of sympathy which, expressed by a deep sigh, the public in the gallery display towards the very old who are in trouble.

He looked about him from the dock, and in his glance was all the disdain which age and wisdom feel for immaturity.

His name was Walter, and he was 80 years old.

Over the past 20 years, Walter has worked on an average for one week in every 52. Twenty weeks of toil in as many years, 880 hours with his sleeves rolled up or his nose to the grindstone, in the 175,000-odd he has been blessed with since 1930.

He is against work, allergic to it, a conscientious objector to all it implies; and it is this long avoidance of work that has aged him so.

WALTER was charged at Great Marlborough Street with begging. A policeman had picked him up the night before, as he wandered through the West End making croaking sounds that he claimed added up to a song, and demanding from passers-by a fee for his unsolicited serenading of them.

This was not his first appearance in court, and on other occasions, magistrates had ordered that he should be examined by doctors; always the doctor's answer was much the same. Walter was fit physically and mentally.

Now, Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, from the bench, tried a new approach. "When did you last work?" he asked.

Walter could not remember. "What kind of work was it?" Memory, mercifully, had drawn a curtain upon such squalid detail.

"Can't remember," Walter said.

THE magistrate then took a step that shook Walter visibly. For instead of sending him to prison, Mr Thomas remanded Walter for a week on bail, so that he might report to the labour exchange and fix himself up with a job.

Walter did not answer to his bail on the day appointed, but presently he was picked up, arrested and brought to court, and when they asked him why he had not surrendered on the right day, he said, almost coyly, "I was too shy to come to this sort of place."

"Got work?" they asked him. "No," was the answer.

Now, in the dock again, he surveyed us all with his ancient, weary eye, and listened while Mr Thomas said: "What sort of work do you want to do?"

"Hotels," Walter said. "What, as a pageboy?" the magistrate asked, with a glance at the dock.

Walter said: "No, washing-up or some sort. I've heard there's a good lot of that."

"European Tax" Suggested

Luxembourg, Dec. 23. The "Little Cabinet" of the European Coal and Steel Community met today to discuss ways and means of imposing a "European tax" on the members of the Community.

The purpose of the tax, which is provided for by the Schuman Plan Treaty, is to finance industrial investments and re-equipment schemes for manpower on the proposed six-nation single market for France, Germany, Italy and the Benelux group. The tax would not exceed one per cent.—Reuter.

British Scheme For Great New Dominion In Heart Of Africa

London, Dec. 23.

Plans for a great new British dominion carved out of the heart of Africa and covering 3,000,000 square miles—bigger than the United States—have been published.

Six British territories in Capricorn Africa are involved—Kenya ("Mau-Mau" Land), Tanganyika and Uganda, in East Africa; Southern Rhodesia (the one self-governing territory) Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

In the federation of all these territories, the authors of the plan—the Capricorn Africa Society, with headquarters in Southern Rhodesia—see the big chance of solving two pressing problems.

One is the multi-racial question, involving co-operation of blacks, browns and whites in political, economic and social advance.

The second problem is how to attract the billions of outside capital necessary to enable a potentially very wealthy area of the "Dark Continent" to take big development strides.

An eye is cast on American as well as British investment. The sponsors recognise British capital will not be enough and that the American investor will only be interested if there is an economic development unit of the size and promise held out by the six-country federation.

There is plenty of assurance from different quarters that here no fears need be entertained of another East African groundswell—no scheme under which Labour lost over £30 million of the British taxpayer's money.

RICH AS U.S. What are the claims? A British trade unionist and Socialist who backs the Capricorn scheme says: "Except for a lack of petroleum and soft timber, the six territories are as rich as the United States or Australia in their natural resources. They have immense coal and copper deposits, considerable supplies of iron ore, lime, chrome, asbestos, bauxite, mica, lead and other minerals which the world needs. The agricultural potentialities are good. If the land is properly farmed. The rivers, tumbling down from a central plateau 3,000 feet above sea level, have potential electrical energy at least double that existing in the U.S.A. and Canada."

Africa's prosperity, many are convinced, will come from the development of the mineral and economic potentialities of the Rhodesias and Southern Tanganyika. In the latter, there are huge proven coal resources, remaining untapped at the moment only because of their inaccessibility and a lack of money to develop essential communications to the minefields.

The present population of the six British-controlled territories is about 24 million. It is contended that without robbing one African of an acre of land, the whole area could absorb at least five million white people in the

next 20 years and more than 20 million in a generation. Within the next century, writes "Chartist", author of "Africa's Challenge", the Capricorn area could support a black and white population of 180 million.

STRATEGIC ANGLE "Chartist" wants Britain to take the lead along with a suggested federation of African authority in the investment and the encouragement of investment in the territories up to £100 million a year—even if it means for the British taxpayer a further sacrifice of "present pleasures". The importance of this scheme on the political and strategic plane is stressed by all interested. "Chartist" sums this up by recalling that Africa played a great part in Hitler's designs for world conquest and domination. Hitler had a series of policies running up to a 50-year plan for exploiting the whole continent under one centralized control.

"Consideration of race, tradition and sentiment had no place in his schemes. It must also be borne in mind that, in the same way that Communism has inherited and improved upon Nazi technique, the significance of Africa has not been lost sight of in the plans of the Kremlin."

There is the further point to be considered that territories of Africa have been the theatre of joining the Capricorn area, Portuguese and Belgian Congo colonies, might well be attracted to negotiate a customs union or other commercial agreements with a strong federation.

FIRM BELIEF The firm belief in the economic potentialities of the area is emphasized in an article just published by a prominent European leader in Northern Rhodesia, the Hon. Roy Welensky, in "Optima"—a quarterly review published by the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa. He answers the question: "Where is the money to come from for development of the Capricorn area?"

"From investors," he says, "anxious for a return on their capital; or from countries anxious to promote the healthy development of the under-developed

regions of the world in the interests of prosperity." He has America in mind. In the very next sentence, he queries: "If a man, foreclosing in 1850 the phenomenal development of the United States by 1900 or 1950, had been asked—'where is the money to come from?'—what could he have answered?"

Welensky continues: "There is nothing sounder in the world today than the economic, industrial, agricultural, demographic and cultural development of Central Africa, with the institution of the Federal State of British Central Africa as its cornerstone."

In Welensky's view the Capricorn federation would mean a strong link between the North Atlantic Pact and what he describes as a "nearly needed" Indian Ocean Pact.—London Express Service.

Shakespeareans On Tour

London, Dec. 23. A total of 250 cases of scenery, costumes and stage equipment were piled high on a platform at Liverpool Street station, London, today when 30 actors and actresses of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, left London to board the Rangitiki for a nine-months tour of Australia and New Zealand. The tour will cost £100,000.—Reuter.

RESHUFFLE IN HUNGARY

London, Dec. 23. The Hungarian Presidential Council today appointed Mr. Gergely Szabo as Minister of Heavy Industry and Mr. Tibor Erdelyi-Gross as Minister of High Education, Budapest radio announced.

Mr. Istvan Kossa has been relieved of his duties as Minister of Foundries and Heavy Industry, the radio added. He has been replaced by Mr. Mihaly Zsoltovics who retains, at the same time, his post of Minister of Medium Industry.—Reuter.

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MPs Alarmed At Gun Black Market In Britain

INCREASE IN PRISON TERMS DEMANDED

London, Dec. 23.

A group of Labour Members of Parliament are determined to break Britain's black-market in guns.

Alarmed at murder trial disclosures revealing how easy it is to buy a revolver or automatic, they have asked the Home Secretary to increase maximum prison sentences on unlicensed gun-owners.

Secret Papers In Former Agent's Office

New York, Dec. 23. The United States Army authorities announce the arrest in Berlin of a former American intelligence agent, Michael Rothkrug, 44, who is alleged to have had enough secret papers to endanger the whole network of informants in the Soviet Zone.

Rothkrug, who was a World War II Army lieutenant, left the intelligence service this year and joined a German spy partner in a cotton firm. Thousands of top secret papers, missing from Military Intelligence files for two years, were in his office. Discovery of the papers, which gave the names of Germans working for the anti-Communist underground, would have destroyed years of work and the lives of agents, says Army spokesman.

They have reason to be anxious. In the past two years over 2,500 people have been sentenced for unlawful possession of firearms.

And the police know that, despite a post-war amnesty which allowed returning Servicemen to surrender the weapons, Mausers and other weapons brought home as souvenirs, there are still thousands of illegal guns in the country.

At the same time London detectives are on the track of the black-market dealers who sell weapons to gangsters and British teen-agers. For these are the guns that are finding their way into the hands of adolescents who seek to imitate the "tough guys" of the films.

One of these was a 16-year-old London boy, Christopher Craig, who murdered a policeman and wounded another in a roof-top gun battle. He boasted in court that he had owned about 40 pistols in his time.

THE NEW BOYS

Young men like Craig are the new boys of the underworld. They are hated and distrusted, though, by professional crooks.

Up to now, Britain's criminals, in view of the penalties involved, have left firearms severely alone. Even the notorious "Billy Boys" and "Cheeky Forty" Glasgow's biggest and most dangerous gangs, limited themselves to razor slashing.

And the result has been that Britain can boast of having one of the few unarmed police forces in the world.

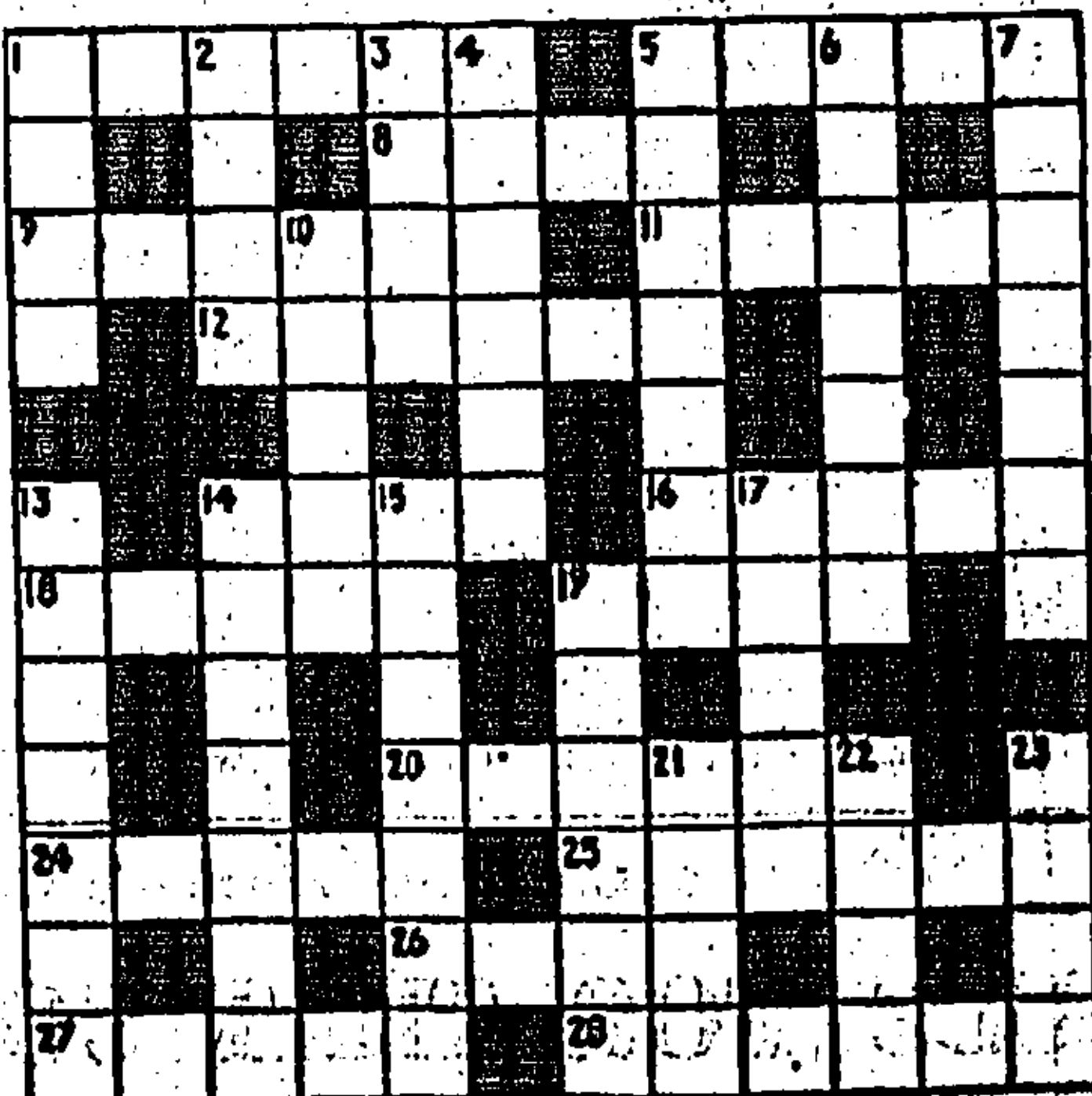
OLD HANDS SUFFER

In fact, there was almost a gentleman's agreement between the "old lags" and the police about the use of arms.

But in recent months police officers making arrests have found themselves looking down the barrels of guns held by young men who screamed gangster-film defiance at them. Some of them were killed.

When this happens, the police are forced to ignore any "gentleman's agreement" and the old hands in crime suffer. For their own sake, the old lags will probably help the police to break up the black-market in death—London Express Service.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
 1. Paleness (6).
 5. Naughty (5).
 8. Expensive (4).
 9. Dime (5).
 11. Command (6).
 12. Refrain from (6).
 14. Altitude (4).
 15. Falsure (6).
 18. Harden (4).
 19. Support (4).
 20. Denure (6).
 23. Same again (5).
 25. Disinclined (6).
 26. Observe (4).
 27. Tense apart (5).
 28. Ambassadors (6).

DOWN
 1. Highest point (4).
 2. Burden (4).
 3. Poems (4).
 4. Dwell (6).
 5. Objection (7).
 6. Tidy (7).
 7. Guides (7).
 10. Purpose (6).
 13. Mounted (7).
 14. Strict liver (7).
 15. Religious discourses (7).
 17. Hesitate (6).
 19. Tranquil (6).
 21. Uniform (4).
 22. Part-song (4).
 23. Wagers (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Enraged, 4. Grated, 8. Rumbled, 10. Green, 12. Redoubt, 14. Intense, 17. Core, 19. Emperor, 20. Lecture, 22. User, 23. Vassals, 27. Repeat, 29. Kneel, 30. Solemn, 31. Delote, 32. Endow. Down: 1. Enraged, 2. Rumbled, 3. Enraged, 4. Grated, 5. Objection, 6. Tidy, 7. Guides, 10. Purpose, 13. Mounted, 14. Strict liver, 15. Religious discourses, 17. Hesitate, 19. Tranquil, 21. Uniform, 22. Part-song, 23. Wagers.

Monk Potter At Work



Brother Gilbert, one of the monks at Prinknash Abbey, Painswick, Gloucestershire, shown hard at work in the Abbey's potteries on the production of busts of the Saints which will be sold as Coronation souvenirs. The monks' output includes about 30 dozen Coronation mugs a week.—Reuterphoto.

CARRIER PILOT GETS TOP JOB IN NEW SHIP

London, Dec. 23.

Ten years ago a young Naval fighter pilot, flying over a hard-pressed Malta convoy, watched the British aircraft carrier Eagle sink.

A year ago, another Eagle more than half as large again as the old Eagle and with five times her air-striking power in numbers of planes alone, joined the Fleet.

In the New Year, the young pilot who saw the old ship go down, will take up the top air appointment in the new 36,800-ton Eagle, the Navy's largest aircraft carrier.

He is Commander Nigel Hallett, DSC and Bar, whose home is at Pyrford, near Woking. He has two daughters.

Eagle, in which his appointment as Commander, Air, has just been announced, is the fifth aircraft carrier in which he has served.

Commander Hallett has been flying since he joined the Fleet Air Arm 17 years ago.

BIG OPPORTUNITY

"The advance in the air has changed the whole approach to naval problems in the few years since the war ended," he said.

"The air offers the young naval officer the most wonderful opportunity of command. In the old days he had to wait years for the command of even a small ship."

"Now he can gain the command of a powerful aircraft carrier when he is in his early 20s and look forward to commanding a squadron in the air at a much earlier age than he would have gained command of a destroyer."—London Express Service.

NEW CIVIL DEFENCE SCHOOL

London, Dec. 23.

A new Civil Defence Tactical School—the first of its kind in the world—has been opened in Sunningdale, Berkshire, by Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary.

Its purpose will be to study and teach civil defence tactics with special emphasis on treatment of casualties and first-aid after an atomic bomb attack.

The new school is in the grounds of a Civil Defence Staff College established three years ago, which has been visited by Commonwealth representatives. Dormitories and lecture rooms have been added for 60 people.

The first full course, with students such as chief fire officers, chief constables, town clerks and Service representatives, will begin in mid-January.

St. David, in his opening speech, said the school was of the greatest importance. He hoped that, in time, civil defence would be incorporated into the training of the NATO Powers.

"I am glad to think," he continued, "that this venture will be the foundation of the integration of civil defence."



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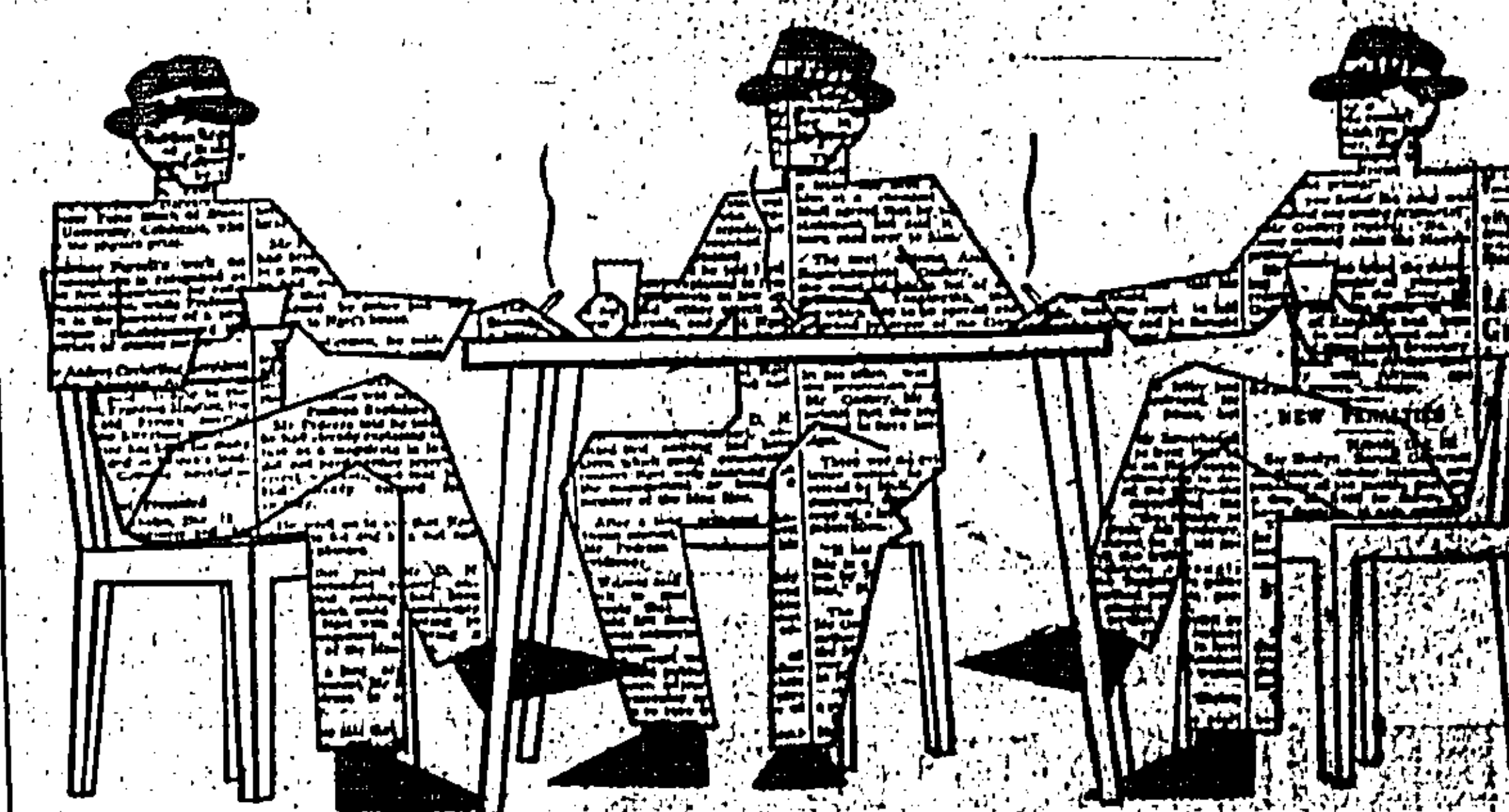
Pig Shoots Butcher

Berlin, Dec. 23.

A pig shot a butcher at Lüneburg.

As the butcher went to shoot the pig it charged into him, but the gun went off and the butcher got a bullet wound in the knee.

To-morrow will be one of our few days off!



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On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12 noon. The fifth interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.)

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (18 in all).

Through Tickets (18 Races—\$36) also tickets at \$2 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 31st December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Almeida Street, Hong Kong

or

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. NISA,
Secretary.

International Softball Series

PORTUGAL WILL DEFEND HER TITLE AGAINST CHINA IN THE FIRST ROUND

By "KEYSTONE"

Portugal, holders of last season's Championship in the International Softball Series, will be meeting the powerful China squad in the preliminary round of this season's Tournament on Boxing Day.

The opening game will feature another humdinger tussle between Pakistan and Great Britain in the other bracket.

The remaining two countries represented in this year's Series, USA and the Philippines, have drawn byes in the first round, and will not go into action until the semi-finals later on in the New Year.

Highlighting a full programme of Yuletide softball fare will be the eagerly-awaited International Series to be held on Boxing Day. On Saturday and Sunday, the regular League schedules will be resumed, so that even the most rabid of fans should receive his fill of softball thrills over the long weekend.

In Friday's opener, Pakistan clashes with a power-laden Great Britain nine. The British squad will most likely start with veteran Kelly Silva-Netto on the mound and Ignar Erikson behind the plate, while reliever D. Cooper of the Ban-tams will be available should Silva-Netto run into difficulties. Lanky Derek Smirke will cover the initial sack, with probably George Turner backing him up while hefty Dave Leonard and Gerald Van Lappenberg guard the other half of the diamond.

A wealth of heavy-hitting outfielders are on hand for selection, including slick-artist George Saunders of the Saints and Bulji Dhader of the Braves.

FORMIDABLE ARRAY

Against this formidable array of powerful batters, the Pakistan outfit will field players drawn mostly from the Saints and the Braves, with utility men included from the Griffins of the Junior Division.

Mentor "Romeo" Hamet will most probably give the nod to Sherry Bucks of the Saints for pitching duties, with old battery-mate S. H. Khan receiving.

First baseman Jindoo Wei of the Saints will be assigned to haul down the infield leaves, while diagonally opposite him, Benny Omar will guard the hot corner.

The balance of the field will comprise mostly Braves players, including the Ismail brothers, as well as Tiger Hussain of the Jaguars.

Great Britain appears to have a slight edge over their rivals both in attack and defence, but Pakistan is by no means to be underrated, considering the youth and speed of the Senior "B" Braves boys.

A close, hard-fought game is a foregone conclusion, with the final score in doubt till the last out is made.

After this stimulating aperitif will come the place de resistance for China takes to the field in a determined bid to oust the reigning Champion Portugal team from this season's tourney.

Pilot Ed Carvalho has been

gloating fondly over his choice collection of softball stars gathered from the ranks of the leading teams in the Senior Divisions, and entertains high hopes of walking off with the International Trophy for another long career.

With fireballers Vic Pedruco and Joey Franco as well as "control-pitcher" Chapple Re-medios hitting fine form recently, Manager Carvalho should have few pitching problems to cope with.

Hindsnatching duties will fall to "Beanoles" Frankie Correa and Red Pereira, with "Cus Cus" Souza on the bench ready to do understudy chores. Ray Aldeguer and Carlos Yvanovich will share guard-duty at the initial station, and receive able support from either fleet-footed Eddie Lou-roho or Art Ozorio.

The windy alloy boat will be assigned to either Madcap Robert Nunes or Doc Gutierrez of the Braves, while third-sack duties will go to Manuel Gutierrez. To round out this powerful Portuguese contingent, a slick outfield trio will be chosen from the following:—Spjok Garres, Eric Remedios, Mamie Xavier, Johnny Pereira and Dick Chaves.

Muffling the heavy artillery concentrated in the Portugal team will be the main problem for the China team to deal with, and it is with this in view that Headman P. K. Lou will be selecting his starting pitcher.

Panda chucker Jackie Wei has demonstrated devastating form of late, and may get the nod to take the lead-part in this drama-laden encounter.

P.C. Wong's ultra-slow bloopers will be a great asset after the first four innings, when the Portuguese lads will have set their sights on Jackie's blazing pitches.

A second relief pitcher included in the battery is L.P. Lam of the Chinese Athletics. On the receiving end of all this pace-pitching will be "Two-ton Lulu" of the Pandas and S.C. Wong of South China.

SANS FAREIL

Chinese first baseman sans pareil C.M. Tsang of South China will deal adequately with any and all throws to his territory, and keystone sack chores will be shared between Wally Ma of the Pandas and Paul Tiu of CAA.

The hot corner will be guarded by veteran Y.S. Liang, while Seldon Ma and K.T. Leung will spell each other pounding the windy alloy beat.

A quick-moving, slide-armed outfielder will comprise L.C. Poon, K.K. Sit and P. H. Lee.

As can be readily seen by the discerning fan, there is very little to choose between these two squads of fine players, and the game should go with the "breakers".

The weaknesses and idiosyncrasies of each individual player are by now well-known to the opposing side, and a really tight struggle is anticipated. It is predicted that the winner of this game will eventually carry off the Championship, and with all these makings of a crucial needle-match, local softball fans will be pouring into the stands up at King's Park this Friday to lend moral and vocal support to their favourites.

AAA Plan New Trial For English Athletes In Extra International

English Athletics will have a new international next season. For the first time, a truly all-England team will meet a Continental country. Opposition, at White City, might be West Germany, but is more likely to be Holland.

Before the British Amateur Athletic Board was formed nearly 20 years ago, national teams were known as "England" but were not restricted to English-born

For next year's match only those eligible to represent England in the Empire Games will be included. There will be no Scots, no Welshmen, no McDonald Bailey.

The match will provide a test of "teachability" for the England team to be sent to Vancouver for the Empire Games in July, 1954. Previously, the only way a test has been possible has been in the annual triangular tournament with Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The match will also help raise funds for sending the team to Vancouver.

It was hoped that the match could be held in mid-season, but no Saturday date is available, so it is likely to be held under floodlights late in the season.

AAA officials would like Western Germany to be the opposition, but the Germans already have seven international commitments. The chances are they will not be able to fit in this extra match.

No country has made more rapid athletic progress since the war than the Germans. They had the fourth in the Olympic 400 Metres in K. Haas, the third in the 800 Metres (H. Ullricher),

the third in the 1,500 Metres (W. Lueg) and the third in the 5,000 Metres (H. Schade).

No decision has yet been made whether to include women's events. The Germans have an exceptional sprinter in Maria Steiner, and a good field-event athlete in M. Werner.

Holland could not provide the same quality of opposition. Only one of their men did much at Helsinki—T. Saat, who reached the semi-final of the 100 Metres. But they have Will Slijkhuis who was not fit for the Games and their star woman, runner, H. Eddy Blomkamp, who was up, Bertha Brouwer, second in the Olympic 200 Metres.

Indians Leave For West Indies

Bombay, Dec. 23. The Indian cricket team, under the captaincy of Vijay Hazare, which is to tour the West Indies, left by air for London today en route to Caribbean islands.

The team consisted of 15 members, including the manager, Mr. C. Ramaswamy. — France-Press.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL AT WEMBLEY



A vigorous tackle on a Burtonwood player at Wembley on December 13 during the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Football final between a team from Burtonwood, Lancs., and a team from Furstenfeldbruck, Germany. It was the first time that the hallowed turf of Wembley had seen this game. — Central Press Photo.

Peter Wilson Asks

How Do Ya Like Your Football?

My erudite colleague early on decided that the only way to watch American football at Wembley was to go to the bar while they are playing and watch during the intervals when the bands are performing, the girls are twirling their batons—or vice versa—the precision guards are drilling, and the cheer leaders are eyeforcing. I wouldn't go so far as that, but I would say that there were many occasions when I thought that the pantomime season has begun a little early.

And I am prepared to believe that you need to study the game in more than one demonstration—previously I had seen it only on TV in the States—and that the standard of this one was not up to the more hectic college get-togethers or the more relentless professional games.

But I am not prepared to take seriously a game which is supposed to be between two teams of 11 players but yet in which, I am informed, 81 took part. (And if you don't believe me just you go and count them!)

Frankly, I could see none of the streamlined speed of Rugby League nor the shuttle-smooth co-operation of a Rugby Union three-quarter movement.

The whole basis of the game seems to be that the ball carrier, instead of trying to outmanoeuvre the defence by the swerve of his body, speed, or a hand-cup, rarely makes any ground at all until his buddies have left the opposition looking like an enemy objective after a dose of saturation bombing.

REF'S VIEW

I watched the game with Victor Rae, former famous Soccer referee, who was very taken with the system of signals indicating fouls, penalties, etc.

Although he thought it would help a Soccer crowd understand some of the referee's decisions I think he was doubtful about some officials' ability to memorize 25 hand and foot signals.

(Personally I'm a bit dubious about some of the signals that the referee would get back from the crowd!)

My other next-door neighbour was colleague PAT MARSHALL, who said:—

"I like the signalling system... the drum-majorities... and baton twirlers... the cheer leaders... the interval."

"I dislike: The negative idea of the game (block tackling)... the lack of low tackling."

Blackpool Will Not Part With Matthews

Blackpool, Dec. 23. The Directors of Blackpool, the Football League Division I Club, announced today that Stanley Matthews, England international outside-right, had agreed to be placed on the transfer list, but that in the interests of the Club, this had been refused.

This is an unexpected turn of events as negotiations were understood to be continuing for Matthews' transfer to Stoke City, his first Club—Rouler.

Association XI Replaces Ireland

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, Ireland will not be represented in the International Charity Cup Soccer Competition, the first game in which for the current season was originally fixed to take place tomorrow between Scotland and Ireland.

As a result, it has been decided that a Hongkong Football Association XI meet Scotland in a friendly charity game at the Club ground tomorrow, kick-off 4 p.m.

It is also understood that owing to the "noodle" First Division League match between South China and K.L. Chee on Saturday, several of the South China players who have been selected to represent China against England on Boxing Day will not be turning out for the International.

At an emergency meeting of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday the following were selected to represent the HKFA against Scotland tomorrow:—

Leung Ting-tong (Chinese A.A.), Sooi Yiu (K.M.B.), Niu (Kwong Wah), Lok Ching-sing (Kwong Wah), Honnball (Sing Tao), Santos (St. Joseph's), Lee Siu-fai (K.M.B.), Lee Tin-kee (Kwong Wah), Chang Tam (Wong-sheung), Chan (K.M.B.), Pereira (St. Joseph's), Ho-Servo to Kai-yau (Kwong Wah), Mak Kam-chung (Sing Tao), Wai Chiu-chung (Chinese A.A.), Toledo (St. Joseph's), Castino (St. Joseph's).

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THE GAMBOLS





THE SHOW MUST GO ON, BUT CHRISTMAS SOCCER IS UNFAIR TO PLAYERS

Says TOM FINNEY

"Christmas comes but once a year," says the old ditty. As far as the professional footballer is concerned, that can sometimes be once too often. It is anything but a family festival for the 2,400 men needed to make up the sides fielded by the 92 Football League clubs at Christmas time.

Instead of the old turkey and plum pudding, these men feed on sandwiches out of a hamper, travel for long spells in cold railway trains—and may even spend the holiday on special training in a hotel.

But 1952 is kind to us. Christmas Day falls on Thursday which means that the programme contains only two games—one fewer than in normal years. Kind assistance from the Football League's fixture-making department will allow many of us to spend most of Christmas Day in our own homes.

Believe me, that is an occasion. We Preston players, for example, do not go into action at all until Boxing Day. Looking at the list only Arsenal, Cardiff and Middlesbrough are unlucky enough in the First Division to get no part of Christmas Day at home.

NO CALL ON BOXING DAY
Yet the fixtures have been arranged to make no call on these three clubs on Boxing Day. That is at least some compensation. Offer the outlying clubs—the Tyndale trio of Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough, and Plymouth down in the South—are faced with near-impossible tasks.

Holiday train services have meant that Arrive in particular have travelled throughout the night in the past in order to get back home for a game the following afternoon. I remember only too well my own experience when Preston won promotion from the Second Division two seasons back. We played Queen's Park Rangers in London on Christmas Day. Both sides caught the same train back to Preston for the return game.

After five hours in a compartment, we had a coach trip of nearly an hour out to the hotel where we were staying near Lancaster. It was past midnight when we arrived—and I don't think either side felt much like a keen and vital football match the following day.

IS THIS WISE?
Which makes me wonder whether these hectic holiday periods—the same situation crops up again at Easter—are really in the best interests of our national winter game. Frequently promotion is won or lost in the points collected from these six gala matches.

And similarly, many a relegation issue has been scaled and settled. Yet the programme allows no time for minor knocks to be treated or for the little strains to heal. Managers, whose worries reach a peak at these times, must often field three or four reserves in vital matches.

A case in point was Rotherham's two matches with Birmingham City last season. The Yorkshire club, running neck and neck with Birmingham for promotion, was badly hit by casualties. They patched up holes with young reserves—lost at St. Andrew's and Millwall to fade right out of the race. On the face of it, there is a strong case against allowing two holiday periods to negative the work and endeavour put into the other 30 games.

ATTENDANCES SMALL
Attendances on Christmas Day rarely reach great heights. One

Piper's Greetings



Popular Piper Laurie sends Season's Greetings as she hangs out the traditional Christmas holly wreath. Piper started her acting career following her graduation from high school and was cast in her first starring role this year playing opposite Tony Curtis in Universal-International's Technicolor "The Prince Who Was A Thief." The combination proved so popular that Piper and Tony are now starred in "Son of All Baba."

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SAILINGS TO		
"FUKIEN"	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar	10 a.m. 20th Dec.
"ANKING"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m. 20th Dec.
"FUNGING"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 27th Dec.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m. 27th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 27th Dec.
"HANYANG"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 31st Dec.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 1st Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m. 3rd Jan.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 4th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM

"FUNGING"	Indonela & Bintan	3 p.m. 24th Dec.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	6 p.m. 24th Dec.
"FOOCHOW"	Brunei	7 a.m. 25th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Kobe	3 p.m. 25th Dec.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	20th Dec.
"HANYANG"	Bangkok	30th Dec.
"YOHOW"	Singapore	30th Dec.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	4th Jan.

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SAILINGS TO		
"TAIPING"	Sydney & Melbourne	Noon 27th Dec.
"CHANGTE"	Kure & Kobe	31st Dec.
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	4th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIPING"	Kobe	2 p.m. 25th Dec.
"CHANGTE"	Australia & Manila	20th Dec.
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	31st Dec.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.		
"CLYTONUS"	Liverpool, Dublin & Arr. 7 a.m. 25th Dec.	
"ASTYANAX"	Genoa, London & Hamburg	28th Dec.
"PERSEUS"	Rotterdam & Liverpool	6th Jan.
"AGAPENOR"	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	25th Jan.
"ASCANIUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Jan.
"PYRRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Feb.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails		
S. "AENEAS"	Liverpool	28th Dec.
S. "ASCANIUS"	Rotterdam	31st Dec.
S. "AGAPENOR"	do	10th Jan. 1953
S. "PYRRHUS"	do	17th Jan. 1953
S. "CALCEAS"	do	23rd Jan. 1953
S. "AUTOMEDON"	25th Dec.	30th Jan. 1953
S. "ATREUS"	5th Jan.	9th Feb. 1953
S. "PELEUS"	9th Jan.	10th Jan. 19th Feb. 1953

G. Loading Glasgow, before Liverpool.
S. Loading Swansea, before Liverpool.
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ARRIVING FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS.

"DONA NATI"	2nd Jan.
"AJAX"	20th Jan.

SAILING FOR KINGSTON, NEW YORK, via SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES & CRISTOBAL.

"MENESTHEUS"	20th Jan.
"DONA NATI"	4th Feb.

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Route	Departs Hong Kong	Arrives H.K. (on return)
HK/Bangkok/Singapore (DC-4)	730 a.m. Mon, Thurs. 6.45 a.m. Tues. Fri.	
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HK/Haliphong (DC-3)	10.45 a.m. Thurs.	4.15 p.m. Tues.
HK/Singapore (DC-4)	10.45 a.m. Tues.	6.45 p.m. Wed.
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"BENRINNES"	U.K. via Singapore 25th Dec.
"KING MALCOLM"	U.K. via Singapore on or abt. 5th Jan.
"BENALBANACH"	U.K. 8th Jan.
"BENVENUE"	Japan 12th Jan.
"BENATTOW"	U.K. via Singapore 17th Jan.
"BENREOCH"	Japan 17th Jan.
"BENMHOR"	U.K. 2nd Feb.
"BENRUACHAN"	Japan 10th Feb.

SAILINGS

	Loading on or abt.
"BENRINNES"	Havre, London and Rotterdam 27th Dec.
"BENALBANACH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Antwerp 11th Jan.
"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg 12th Jan.
"BENREOCH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, London, Hull and Hamburg 17th Jan.
"BENATTOW"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama 21st Jan.
"BENMHOR"	Sandakan, Singapore, Havre, London, Rotterdam and Hull 5th Feb.
"BENRUACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg and Antwerp 5th Feb.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

MARSKER LINE

m/v "OLGA MARSKER"

having arrived from New York and

Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby notified that their goods

are landed and placed at their

risk and expense into the Hongkong

& Kowloon Wharf & Godown Com-

pany's godown at Kowloon, where

delivery may be obtained as soon as

the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed

here, unless notice has been given

48 hours prior to vessel arrival,

but cargo on from port to which the

final port of call to which the

option extends.

No claims will be admitted after

the Goods have left the Godown,

and all goods remaining undelivered

after the 22nd December, 1952, will

be subject to rent.

All broken, chipped, and damaged

Goods are to be left in the Godown,

where they will be examined on

arrival, and where they will be

examined by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard &

Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded

Warehouse Regulations consignees

must have a Revenue Officer in

attendance when damaged dutiable

goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before

the first January, 1953, or they will

not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JENKIN & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1952.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "PERSEUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will

be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between

10 a.m. and Noon on December 23

and 24, 1952, and consignees are re-

quested to have their representatives

present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1952.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "MENESTHEUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will

be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &

Douglas at Holt's Wharf from

10 a.m. on December 24, 1952, and

consignees are requested to have

their representatives present

during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1952.

The Girl Who Had Never Seen Stairs

London, Dec. 23.

Little Valerie Glass, the six-year-old girl from the world's loneliest Isle, Tristan da Cunha, British Colony in the South Atlantic, had her greatest thrill last night since she arrived in England three days ago. And that was to go to bed.

The time was six o'clock, Valerie's normal bedtime, but at five o'clock in the house at Kenton, Middlesex, where she is staying, Valerie was asking if she could go to bed.

It wasn't that Valerie was tired out from all the new wonders she has been discovering

after coming from an island with a total population of 244. It was simply that Valerie knew only single-story houses. She had never seen stairs in houses before. Bed for her last night was upstairs, and Valerie wanted to climb those stairs.

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Twenty times during the day she had climbed the stairs. Valerie Glass is great-granddaughter of Tristan da Cunha's first settler, Governor William Glass.

She has been brought to England by her guardian, Mrs. Marjorie Handley, who was teaching in Tristan da Cunha, and whose husband was a clergyman there until he died in 1949.

The child was chosen from the island's 93 children to be educated here. Eventually, it is hoped, she may return to the island as a teacher, but this will be left for her to decide.

Do British and Spanish children get the same pictures of the defeat of the Armada from their teachers?

What is the Turkish version of the Fall of Constantinople in 1453?

For the first time, Britons will be able to compare British versions of historical events with those of foreign countries at an exhibition of history books at the Institute of Education, Bloomsbury, on December 31.

The books will include some from Russia, the Eastern Zone of Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia.

Countries which have refused books are Poland, Egypt and Brazil.

Governments and Embassies, as well as publishing firms, have sent material.

When the Comets are delivered to France, they will go into service on long-distance routes.

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Another British company, International Aeradio, is to help train French air traffic controllers.

They have just signed a contract with the French Government to install training equipment at the French Civil Aviation School at Orly. It is to be ready for use by January 1.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

Hub & Fella with bag, look like Fella with no head, before took head off.

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Problem Of Dock Labour In Britain Seems Insoluble

The dock labour problem has the appearance of being insoluble under its present terms, says the "Financial Times."

The fluctuating nature of dock work means that some labour reserve is necessary to meet any rise or fall in activity.

Equally the dockers demand the assurance that he shall not return to the system of casual labour which existed before the war.

The National Dock Labour Scheme was intended to provide this assurance and to a great extent has done so.

As long as activity at the docks was more or less stable the Scheme could work reasonably well, but its limitations have been clearly exposed by the decline of trade experienced this year.

The number of dockers proving attendance without obtaining work rose to 17,000 in October (compared with an average of under 5,000 in 1951) and fell only slightly below this figure in November.

NOT ACCEPTABLE
 This situation can be acceptable neither to employer nor dockers. The cost of the dock labour levy to the port employers is now in the region of £70,000 a week, and the dockers receive substantially lower wages than he would in active employment.

The National Dock Labour Board has now put forward proposals to ease the problem by encouraging men to seek temporary release from the industry by finding employment elsewhere.

Men who choose this course will be maintained on the "dormant" register for a certain period, after which they will be given the option of reinstatement on the "live" register or of leaving the industry altogether.

CRUX OF MATTER
 In theory this plan could provide a solution to the present problem.

But the crux of the matter lies in the number of men who will be prepared to leave the industry voluntarily, who will be able to find alternative employment in the area in which they now work, and having left, will be prepared to return.

It may prove that only the younger men will be tempted to find other work, so leaving the problem of the age of dock workers—in 1951 more than a quarter of the dock labour force was over 40—still more acute.

These difficulties must be recognised. Nevertheless, the present proposals constitute a useful attempt to introduce an element of flexibility into the present Dock Labour Scheme and to produce a labour force more nearly related to the work to be done. If they are accepted as such by both sides of the industry they could go some way to easing the present situation.

Stabilisation Of Wages And Profits To Raise Standards Of Living

BRITISH MANUFACTURER'S SCHEME

Demand For Tea On The Increase

London, Dec. 23.
 Demand for tea in Britain has shown an encouraging increase in the past three weeks, writes the "Financial Times."

At last week's Colombo auction, the large quantity of 3½ million lbs was on offer and met good demand.

According to Gow Wilson, London tea brokers, there was a strong and active demand for all descriptions at the Ceylon auction. Prices were generally 1d-2d dearer than the previous week.

As a result of the increased demand, a sudden movement to buy tea has been reported. With the market short of stock, price advances in shares were sharp—London Express Service.

Subsidy On Flour May Go

London, Dec. 23.
 The Food Ministry is preparing a scheme to hand over trading in flour, cereals and feeding stuffs to a free market.

This will be the biggest switch from State to private trading yet carried out by the Government.

It will involve complete decontrol of feeding stuffs and cereals from next autumn.

Talks are going on with representatives of the Farmers' Union and of the flour and grain trades.

The scheme would return to private trading about £300 million worth of yearly imports of flour, wheat, coarse grains and feeding stuffs.

Decontrol of wheat and flour prices would probably go hand-in-hand with the dropping of the £40 million flour subsidy.

HINT TO MILLERS
 If this is removed altogether it will mean a rise of 4½d. per head in the average weekly expenditure, and a jump of 1½ points in the cost-of-living index.

The Food Ministry, it is reported, recently asked millers not to deliver to customers in any week more than the average weekly deliveries for the 12 months ended August 30, 1952.

This is generally taken to be the forerunner of a reduction, or perhaps disappearance, of the flour subsidy.

Feeding stuffs, including all coarse grains such as maize and barley, are expected to be decontrolled by the end of March.

Eggs come off the ration in the spring, and the two developments can be taken as parts of the same Government policy. Farmers will then have freedom to buy poultry food to boost production.

Decontrol of flour and wheat will follow by September.

WORLD PRICE

No early move to decontrol wheat is possible because the British Government is tied to the International Wheat Agreement, under which it pays a maximum of \$1.80 or 12s. 10d. a bushel for wheat imported from Canada and the United States.

The world price is higher than this—about 15s. 6d.—so there would be no advantage in freeing the market now.

There are indications that the U.S. will refuse to renew the International Wheat Agreement when it expires on July 31. It is in preparation for this return to freedom in international wheat trading that the Ministry is preparing its scheme.

Farmers doubt the benefits of any free-for-all scramble for the limited quantity of feeding stuffs available. It is hoped that a scheme, possibly operated by the farming industry, can be worked out to remove the danger of freedom turning into chaos.

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COTTON OUTPUT DECLINE

Manchester, Dec. 23.
 World production of cotton fabrics, excluding Soviet Russia, is expected to be 32,500,000,000 square yards in 1952, Britain's Cotton Board said today.

This is a decrease of seven per cent compared with output of 35,000,000,000 square yards in 1951. The drop in the current year compares with an average annual increase of seven per cent between 1947 and 1951. Associated Press.

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Bright Outlook In America

New York, Dec. 23.

Many U.S. businessmen are today spending dollars to back their confidence in continuing prosperity in the months ahead.

Orders for steel continue to pile up at the mills to the frank surprise of some steelmakers.

Industrial spending for plant expansion is reaching new peaks as 1952 ends. And plans of business call for \$6,600,000,000 more dollars to be spent this way in the first three months of 1953.

Most of the members of the National Tool and Die Manufacturers Association attending its meeting here expect their business to continue good for at least two more years.

General Electric's president, Ralph J. Cordiner, will have no truck with the pessimists in the view of the latter half of 1953 expressed by some economists.

"Other companies may be concerned about a recession," he says, "but as far as we can see, we are going to have good business in spite of the economists."

General Electric has put \$740,000,000 into new plant and equipment since the war. Mr. Cordiner expects the total will top \$1,000,000,000 by the end of 1955.

Westinghouse Electric is also going ahead with expansion plans. It has invested \$245,000,000 since the war, and plans to spend around \$200,000,000 more in the next two years.

As for business spending in general, a joint report of the Department of Commerce and the Securities and Exchange Commission says that plant expansion will start the new year at an annual rate of nearly \$250,000,000. A lot of this, the report adds, reflects delays in building programmes due to last summer's steel strike.

But the steel industry is hitting on all cylinders now. The

Iron Age, national metal-working weekly, says that optimism of steel-using manufacturers is growing by leaps and bounds.

"Mill sales officials are frankly surprised at the continuing clamour for steel from nearly all types of durable goods fabricators," it adds, listing cars, appliances, oil and petrol, freight cars, construction and military hard goods as "front-line bulwarks of demand."

Steel is pouring out of the mills at a record rate. In the last two months the mills have turned out more than 2,000,000 tons a week, and most of it was sold months ago.

The growing competition which many businessmen look for in 1953 is gladdening the hearts of the advertising men.

Advertising this year is hitting a record total of around \$7,000,000,000, a gain of \$500,000,000 over 1951, and more than triple the 1939 expenditure of \$2,000,000,000.

Company plans for advertising campaigns next year, now shaping up, indicate that considerably more will be spent next year than this in advertising.

Businessmen may be expecting a good year ahead, but they feel they are going to have to work harder to sell all they can make.

Associated Press.

TEXAS OIL FIND

New York, Dec. 23.

Cities Service Oil Co. said it has discovered a new deposit of oil in Western Texas, in an area where it holds 6,000 acres of land and has under lease 30,000 additional acres.

After a "test" drilling of 38 gravity-controlled wells in three hours.

Associated Press.

